

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the description to correct a typographical error and to properly reflect the status of the U.S. Patent Application cited therein.

The Examiner is requiring election to one of the following species under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-5, 18-27, directed to recognizing patterns using one lead frame indexing step and a die orientation step of setting die eye boxes and die eye points on two specific areas corresponding to embodiment 1 in Fig. 1;
- II. Claims 6-9, directed to recognizing patterns using two lead frame indexing steps corresponding to embodiment 2 in Fig. 2; and
- III. Claims 10-17, 18-27, 28-33, directed to recognizing patterns using one lead frame indexing step and a die orientation step of setting die eye boxes and die eye points on a specific pattern corresponding to embodiment 3 in Fig. 3.

Applicants hereby elect specie III corresponding to embodiment 3 in Fig. 3. Applicants assert that Claims 10-33 are readable upon the elected species. Further, Applicants assert that Claims 18-27 are generic to the first and third embodiments. In addition, Applicants assert that Claims 28-33 are generic to the second and third embodiments and thus the election is made with traverse.

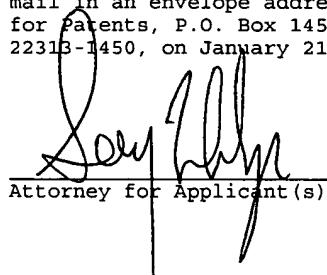
Claims 1-33 are pending in the application. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner

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is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant(s).

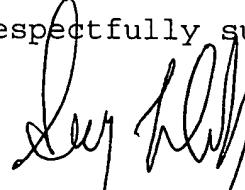
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